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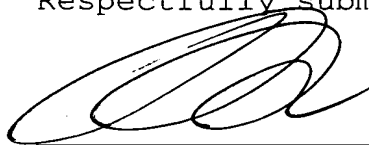
Claim 15 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the phrase "nominal value", and thereby eliminate the rejection under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112. In addition, enclosed with this amendment is a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the rejection on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting applied to Claims 15-23.

By virtue of the amendment to Claim 15 and the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice thereof is, accordingly, earnestly solicited.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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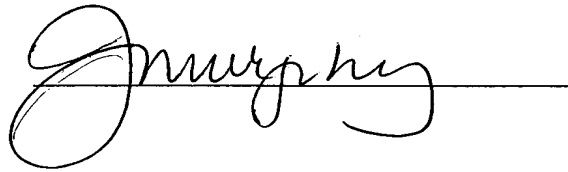
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